A RIDDLE ON THE LETTER "H."

Someone has reprinted the poem, once attributed to Lord Byron, but now believed to be from the pen of a Miss Tanshawe, called a "Riddle on the Letter H." It is unique in its way, and may afford fine scope for those wishing to study the pe- The gentles ride in gay attire, culiarities of language, especially the English language:

muttered in hell,

And the echo caught faintly the sound as it fell;

On the confines of earth 'twas permitted to rest.

presence confessed,

'Twill be found in the sphere, when 'tis riven asunder, Be seen in the lightning and heard

in the thunder. 'Twas alloted to man with his ear-

liest breath, Attends at his birth and awaits him in death;

Presides o'er his happiness, honor

and health, Is the prop of his house and the end of his wealth,

In the heaps of the miser 'tis hoarded with care.

But is sure to be lost on his prodigal heir.

It begins every hope, every wish it must bound,

With the husbandman toils and with monarchs is crowned, Without it the soldier, the seaman

may roam, But woe to the wretch who expels

it from home!

voice will be found, Nor e'en in the whirlwind of pas- To-morrow, then, thine eyes shall

sion is drowned. 'Twill not soften the heart, and

though deaf to the ear, It will make it acutely and instant-

ly hear; Yet in shade let it rest like a delicate flower.

Ah! breathe on it softly—it dies in an hour.

ANOTHER CURIOUS POEM.

Here is another poetical curiosity, from whose pen I know not. Read it and guess the answer to the riddle, before I tell you:

plete,

And fashioned me without a soul. A living being I became,

And Adam first gave me a name, Then from his presence I withdrew, No more of Adam ever knew; But God, whose purpose none can

Then put a living soul in me, ed in name.

fled

I was the same as when first made, And without arms or feet or soul, I travel now from pole to pole. And when I travel o'er our sphere, I seldom on the earth appear. I labor hard both night and day, For fallen man much light display. Thousands of people, young and old Shall at my death more light behold.

To heaven I shall never go, Nor to the grave—nor hell below.

time, and to allay it, the one word terrible torment which those who GOOD RESULT OF AGITATION WHOLE must suffice.

CARCASSONNE.

Mrs. Sherwood, that are worthy of What do you or I know about it?" preservation:

I've worked both hard and long; Yet patient as my life has been, One dearest sight I have not seen. It almost seems a wrong-

A dream I had when life was new; Alas, our dreams they come not Duke d' Abruzzi's Arctic explora- appear. The Catholic youth of Iretrue;

I thought to see fair Carcassonne;

I have not seen fair Carcassonne!

One sees it dimly from the height Beyond the mountains blue; Fain would I walk five weary lea-

gues, Through morn and evening's dew. medicine. Wine was conceded only ganization.-Leader.

night,

And on the grapes that vellow blight; I could not go to Carassonne;

I never went to Carassonne.

They say it as gay all times As holidays at home;

And in the sun each gilded spire Shoots up like those of Rome. Twas whispered in heaven, 'twas The Bishop the procession leads, The generals curb their prancing steeds:

Alas! I know not Carcassonne Alas! I saw not Carcassonne!

And the depths of the ocean its Our Vicar's right; he preaches loud, And bids us to beware! He says: "Oh guard the weakest

part, And most the traitor in the heart,

Against ambition's snare." Perhaps in autumn I can find

Two sunny days with gentle wind-Then I could go to Carcassonne; I still could go to Carcassonne.

My God and Father! pardon me, If this my wish offends!

One sees some hope more high than he,

In age as in his infancy,

To which his heart ascends! My wife, my son, have seen Narbonne,

My grandson went to Perpignan; But I have not seen Carcassonne, But I have not seen Carcassonne!

Thus sighed a peasant, bent with age,

Half dreaming in his chair; In the whispers of conscience its I said: "My friend, come go with me,

> see Those streets that seem so fair

That night there came, for passing soul.

The church bell's low and solemn He never saw gay Carcassonne!

Who has not known a Carcassonne?

-R. C. Gleaner

THE LATE BISHOP OF HONO-LULU.

The Right Rev. Gulstan Francois Ropert, who died last week at Ho-Our God made Adam out of dust, |nolulu, was the very highest type But in his wisdom made me first, of cultured gentleman and zealous My body, though he made com-| French missionary. He belonged to a religious community jocularly Had neither arms nor legs nor feet, named, from the street in Paris My ways and acts He did control where their Mother House is situated, the Order of Pic-Pus. Last prove a vexed question. year when some petty medical board in Honolulu wanted a certain priest removed from the leper settlement at Molokai because he did not bow to its views, Bishop Ropert unflinchingly upheld the priest, and the officials clothed And soon He did that soul reclaim, with their little brief authority had Though changed in this, not chang- to back down. The good Bishop was consecrated in this city a little and when from me that soul had over ten years ago. May he rest in peace.—Leader (San Francisco).

DEFINITION OF MATRIMONY

The following tale has been resuscitated and is meandering gen-looked with favor on its adminiserally about among the newspaper offices.

"Archbishop Ryan, visiting a small parish in a mining district for Monsignor O'Connell to break down the purpose of administering con- this distrust. We hope for the firmation, asked one nervous little honor of the Church he will succeed. girl what matrimony was, and she Your curiosity is aroused by this answered that it was a state of enter are compelled to undergo for a time to prepare them for a brighter and better world. 'No, no,' remonstrated the pastor, 'that isn't Perhaps it would be more correct While poetically bent, here are matrimony; that's the definition of some lines from the French of Gus-purgatory.' 'Leave her alone,' said Shareholders' Committee. Anyhow tave Nadaud, done in English by the archbishop; 'maybe she's right.'

How old I am! I'm eighty years! ABSTEMIOUS ARCTIC EXPLOR-

fortitude and indifference to cold tion party-all Italians- says:-

"The rigorous limitations of fermented liquors in the dietary and favored gang of the Protestant asthe prohibition of distilled alcohol cendancy. But the Irish Catholics had also their invariable effect in must not be content with a single maintaining the health of the victory. Let the good fight go on party. Dr. Cavalli Molinelli allow- 'till the last vestige of religious inmaintaining the health of the victory. Let the good fight go on ed no cognac, rum, or whisky to tolerance and exclusion is swept be taken except on rare and special from the island by the besom of (I do not mind the road's fatigues) occasions as a condiment or as a popular opinion and Catholic or-

But bitter frosts would fall at in small quantity at supper- about 120 grammes of 'barolo' (a darkred 'blood-making' wine), or 60 grammes of port. The good results from this regimen were conspicious he adds, not only in the excellent hygienic conditions above referred to, but also in the temper of the party; alacrity and cordiality always prevailing among the subalterns. Nor was it only among those of Italian nationality that these effects were seen. The Norwegian contingent, inured more or less to the ingestion of alcohol, and using beer as a constant beverage at home, were manifestly better for the abstention from these drinks, as practiced on board the 'Stella and on the sledge jour-Polare'

A REMARKABLE POPE.

From the New York Sun.

The death of Cardinal Parocchi leaves only one survivor besides the Pope himself of the conclave which elected Leo XIII.

Cardinal Oreglia di Santo Stefano, still not much older than Cardinal Pecci was at the time of the election of twenty-five years ago, is the only member of the Sacred College not created by the present Pope.

Leo XIII. has outlived every man who took part in his election save Cardinal Oreglia, and the greater number of Cardinals of his own creation besides. In five weeks more he will complete the twentyfifth year of his Pontificate, and two weeks later his ninety-third

CHANGES AT THE UNIVER-SITY.

There has been evidently a great upsettlement at the Catholic University. Bishop Conaty is no Ionger rector, and the institution has been put under the direct supervision of Cardinal Satolli.

What will be the precise effect of these changes it will be difficult to say now. Monsignor O'Connell, the new rector, has had experience in the American College at Rome and is no doubt fully conversant with the intentions and sentiments of the Holy See. There has been long talk of abandoning the university idea and converting the institution into a general seminary, but whether this could be done under the conditions of the endowments may

The Catholics of America expected great things from the University but they have been doomed to disappointment. From the beginning its career was troubled, and with age these troubles did not grow less. Its treatment of the Irish chair was not the least of its mistakes and it looks like poetic justice that the rector who forced out Dr. Henebry without giving hun a should nearing without a place.

One of the great sources of the University's weakness was its divorce from the great body of the hierarchy. Very few of the Bishops tration and the overwhelming majority refused to send students to its halls. It may be reserved for -The Leader (San Francisco.)

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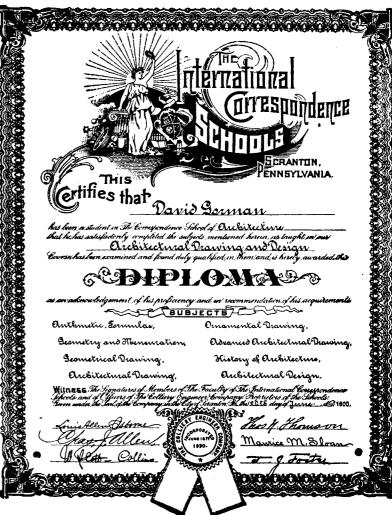
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